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FROM EHRENSHAFT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, IT

SUBJECT: STEEL TRIGGER PRICE TALKS IN ITALY

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1. TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EHRENHAFT, US CUSTOMS AND AMEMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL GHELARDINI AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF AND REP OF MINISTRY OF STATE HOLDINGS ON JANUARY 19 AS WELL AS REPS OF FINSIDER GROUP AND ASSIDER (ITALIAN STEEL PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION) TO EXPLAIN US ANTI-DUMPING LAW AND TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM AND TO EXPRESS HOPE FOR COOPERATION IN FURNISHING INFORMATION. BASICALLY, PRESENTATION MADE AND REACTIONS RECEIVED WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE REPORTED IN REFTEL, WITH ONLY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES AS FOLLOWS:

A. TRADE ASSOCIATION IN ITALY NOT AS ACCUSTOMED OR READY AS BELGIAN OR GERMAN TO COLLECT AGGREGATE DATA REQUESTED, ALTHOUGH REPS OF FINSIDER (MOST IMPORTANT MEMBER OF ASSOCIATION) EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE ASSIDER TO COLLECT SUCH INFORMATION;

B. CONCERN VOICED ABOUT IMPACT ON STEEL INDUSTRY COSTS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY AND LAW WHICH OBLIGE EMPLOYERS (IN BTOH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS) TO MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT AT HIGHER THAN COST-EFFECTIVE LEVELS AND ABOUT INTERPRETATION U.S. (AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS) MAY GIVE TO THIS POLICY AND ITS EFFECTS ON TRADE; AND
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C. FEELING IS THAT U.S. INDUSTRY MAY NOT INCREASE PRICES BY ABOUT 5 PER CENT AS ALREADY ANNOUNCED, SO THAT TRIGGER PRICES WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY BELOW US DOMESTIC PRICES TO PERMIT CONTINUED SALES BY ITALIAN EXPORTERS.

2. ITALIANS CLAIMED EC GUIDANCE PRICES WILL BE COMPULSORY PRICES WITHIN ITALY UNDER DOMESTIC ITALIAN LAW, POSSIBLY EXACERBATING PROBLEM DISCUSSED PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL.

3. COMMENT. IN LIGHT OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS IT SEEMS DESIRABLE TO DEVELOP OUTLINE OF AGGREGATE DATA TO BE REQUESTED PERIODICALLY. HOME MARKET WEIGHTED SALES PRICES OF NOT MORE THAN SAY, 20 MOST TYPICAL STEEL PRODUCTS EXPORTED TO US AND HOME MARKET AVERAGE COSTS OF MOST SIGNIFICANT COST COMPONENTS, MIGHT BE FURNISHED MONTHLY IF REQUESTED. TREASURY ADVISORS AT COUNCIL ON WAGE AND PRICE STABILITY SHOULD BE ASKED TO PREPARE SUCH MODELS FOR DELIVERY ALL CAPITALS ASAP. GARDNER

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